

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are presently in the application, based on the Amendment presented above.

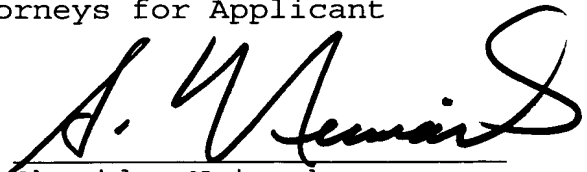
The above amendments are made to correct the claim dependencies of those claims which were improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice, so that such claims will be examined. The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicant respectfully reserving his right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of multi-dependencies above. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The scope of the claims has not been reduced, no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant now respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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